

REMARKS

The above amendment to the claims does not address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

In response to the objection that claim 32 is a duplicate of claim 11, claim 32 has been amended.

In response to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 11, 12, 24 and 27-32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Tsuboi (US6702483) in view of Floyd (US5684637) and further in view of sigler (US4958919) the rejection is traversed.

Floyd describes inflatable lenses for eyeglasses. The lenses in Floyd only contain a single fluid that is pressurized to change the shape of the inflatable lens. Floyd teaches that "The fluid 29 may be colored for filtering and cosmetic purposes."

Sigler teaches color correction of optical systems by filling or not-filling filling spaces between lens elements (see abstract).

Tsuboi teaches an electrical liquid iris for controlling the amount of light through an optical system. The two fluids in Tsuboi "are substantially equal in reflective index" (see abstract) so the boundary between the fluids does not function as a lens.

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The combination of these citations do not disclose "correcting for a color change which would occur ... as a result of a non-colourless fluid" in a variable focus lens comprising two fluids.

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